

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method for quoting reinsurance for a reinsurance company, comprising the steps of:

authorizing electronic requests from one or more customer users, the one or more customer users including users associated with insurance companies seeking a quote from the reinsurance company for reinsuring insurance policies underwritten by the insurance companies;

providing data to an application server from the one or more customer users for the quote of reinsurance, wherein the data provided including data relating to a specific insurance policy;

automatically requesting whether the customer users providing data relating to the specific insurance policy desire a profitability analysis for the reinsurance policy quoted for the specific insurance policy, wherein the profitability analysis ~~indicating~~ indicates whether the quoted reinsurance policy improves profitability of the insurance company associated with the specific insurance policy by transferring risks associated with the specific insurance policy to the reinsurance company for an amount associated with the quote;

processing the data according to rules within a database networked with the application server, to generate the quote for the reinsurance for the specific insurance policy; and

electronically communicating the quote for the reinsurance to the customer users including electronically transmitting a reinsurance contract to the one or more customer users associated with the specific insurance policy.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, the step of authorizing comprising the step of qualifying the users to a plurality of security levels providing differing levels of access to, and control of, the database.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, the step of providing data comprising the step of inputting data through a web browser interface at a computer networked with the application server.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, the step of providing data comprising selecting an existing quote stored within the database through a web browser at a computer networked with the application server.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising generating email to one or more internal users indicating generation of the quote, wherein the one or more internal users including users associated with the reinsurance company.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, the step of generating email comprising determining the internal users through an association stored in the database and linking the internal users to the customer users.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, the step of generating email comprising generating batch email at an end of a day.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, the step of electronically communicating comprising generating email to at least one of the customer users.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, the step of generating email comprising sending one of text defining the quote or a hyperlink to the quote stored on the database.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of accepting inputs from one of the customer users indicating acceptance of the quote and immediately generating email to one or more internal users indicating that the one customer user desires to execute an reinsurance contract based upon the quote.

11. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising setting a time delay between processing the data to generate the quote and electronically communicating the quote to the user.

12. (original) The method of claim 1, the step of electronically communicating comprising downloading a spreadsheet to a computer associated with the one or more customer users.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of appending text to the quote by downloading the text to the database prior to the step of processing the data.

14. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of analyzing profitability of the data provided to the application server, the step of electronically communicating comprising the step of communicating profitability of the quote to the customer users.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of communicating messages between the application server and a profitability engine to facilitate communications between the application server and profitability software of the profitability engine.

16. (currently amended) A system for quoting reinsurance for a reinsurance company, said system comprising:

a web server for receiving electronic requests for reinsurance quotations and for authenticating users generating the requests;

an application server connected with the web server for formulating the quotation based upon the requests; and

a database connected with the application server for storing the quotation and other data used in generating the quotation, wherein said system is further configured to:

receive electronic requests for reinsurance quotations from customer users, the customer users including users associated with insurance companies seeking a quote from the reinsurance company for reinsuring insurance policies underwritten by the insurance companies;

receive data from the customer users for the quote of reinsurance, wherein the data provided including data relating to a specific insurance policy;

request whether the customer users providing data relating to the specific insurance policy desire a profitability analysis for the reinsurance policy quoted for the specific insurance policy, wherein the profitability analysis ~~indicating~~ indicates whether the quoted reinsurance policy improves profitability of the insurance company associated with the specific insurance policy by transferring risks associated with the specific insurance policy to the reinsurance company for an amount associated with the quote;

process the received data according to rules within the database to generate the quote for the reinsurance for the specific insurance policy; and

electronically communicate the quote for the reinsurance to the customer users including electronically transmitting a reinsurance contract to the customer users associated with the insurance company for the specific insurance policy.

17. (original) The system of claim 16, the electronic requests comprising a selection to a preexisting quote within the database.

18. (original) The system of claim 16, the application server having means for inserting, deleting and updating records within the database.

19. (original) The system of claim 16, the web server comprising a plug in for comparing authorization data associated with the electronic requests with data stored in a policy server and database.

20. (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising a profitability analysis engine for analyzing profitability of the quotation.

21. (original) The system of claim 20, further comprising an interface architecture for communicating between the application server and the profitability analysis engine, through a pair of messaging subsystems.

22. (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for generating email to the users, the email comprising the reinsurance quotation.

23. (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for generating email to one or more internal users in response to generation of a reinsurance quotation.

24. (currently amended) A software product comprising instructions, stored on computer-readable media, wherein the instructions, when executed by a computer, perform steps for quoting reinsurance for a reinsurance company, comprising the steps of:

authorizing electronic requests from one or more customer users, the one or more customer users including users associated with insurance companies seeking a quote from the reinsurance company for reinsuring insurance policies underwritten by the insurance companies;

receiving data at an application server from the one or more customer users for the quote of reinsurance, wherein the data provided including data relating to a specific insurance policy;

automatically requesting whether the customer users providing data relating to the specific insurance policy desire a profitability analysis for the reinsurance policy quoted for the specific insurance policy, wherein the profitability analysis ~~indicating~~ indicates whether the quoted reinsurance policy improves profitability of the insurance company associated with the specific insurance policy by transferring risks associated with the specific insurance policy to the reinsurance company for an amount associated with the quote;

processing the data according to rules within a database to generate the quote for the reinsurance for the specific insurance policy; and

electronically communicating the quote for the reinsurance to the customer users including electronically transmitting a reinsurance contract to the one or more customer users associated with the specific insurance policy.

25. (original) The software product of claim 24, the step of authorizing comprising the step of qualifying the users to a plurality of security levels providing differing levels of access to, and control of, the database.

26. (previously presented) The software product of claim 24, the step of receiving data comprising selecting an existing quote stored within the database through a web browser at a computer networked with the application server.

27. (original) The software product of claim 24, further comprising generating email to one or more internal users indicating generation of the quote.

28. (original) The software product of claim 27, the step of generating email comprising determining the internal users through an association stored in the database and linking the internal users to the customer users.

29. (original) The software product of claim 28, the step of generating email comprising generating batch email at an end of a day.

30. (original) The software product of claim 24, the step of electronically communicating comprising generating email to at least one of the customer users.

31. (original) The software product of claim 30, the step of generating email comprising sending one of text defining the quote or a hyperlink to the quote stored on the database.

32. (original) The software product of claim 24, further comprising the steps of accepting inputs from one of the customer users indicating acceptance of the quote and immediately generating email to one or more internal users indicating that the one customer user desires to execute an reinsurance contract based upon the quote.

33. (original) The software product of claim 24, further comprising delaying communication of the quote by a preset time period.

34. (original) The software product of claim 24, the step of electronically communicating comprising downloading a spreadsheet to a computer associated with the one or more customer users.

35. (original) The software product of claim 24, further comprising the step of appending text to the quote by downloading the text to the database prior to the step of processing the data.

36. (original) The software product of claim 24, further comprising the step of analyzing profitability of the data provided to the application server, the step of electronically communicating comprising the step of communicating profitability of the quote to the customer users.

37. (original) The software product of claim 36, further comprising the step of communicating messages between the application sewer and a profitability engine to facilitate communications between the application sewer and profitability software of the profitability engine.